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1. (FOUO) On 9 September 1963, Stephan PROCYK, Accountant, GS-7, with the Comptroller and Programs Office of this Installation, was interviewed in the Frankford Arsenal Intelligence Branch (FAIB) under the pretext of reviewing HIS Statement of Personal History (DD Form 398), and substantially the following information was obtained: PRCCYK stated that HE was born on 25 May 1921 in Kut, formerly Poland, now the U.S.S.R. From 1928 to 1935, HE attended grammar school at Touste, which is located near Kut. From 1935 through about 1942, HE remained at home helping HIS parents, Joseph and Barbara PRCCYK. From the time HE was 15 years of age, PRCCYK was a member of the underground organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, which HE described as a militant anti-Communist organization interested in national autonomy for the Ukrainians. In 1939, Poland had been dissected into two parts; one under the control of the Germans, the other under the control of the Russians. HIS home town of Kut was located in that sector under control of the Russians. Since HE was a member of an anti-Communist organization, it was not safe for HIM to live at home in Kut. Consequently, for a period of about two years, HE wandered around the neighboring locale of Kut serving as a Detachment Leader teaching youth groups. HE taught these groups anti-Communist ideology, who the enemy was and not to rely on the enemy. HE was subsequently made a leader in the region of Tarnopol. HIS duties here consisted of educating the older people with anti-Communism. With the advance of the German army into Russian dominated Poland, SUBJECT and other members of HTS organization moved eastward approximately 100 kilometers. As they went, they would teach groups at meetings organized in little villages and towns denouncing Communism and proclaiming that an Ukrainian National State should be instituted. When they reached the town of Bar, the Germans sent them back to where they had come from. For proclaiming that an Ukrainian National State should be set up, SUBJECT was arrested in Tarnopol; however, HE explained that HE was not in jail very long since the management of this institution was in the hands of members of the underground. They staged what was meant to look like a jail break and SUBJECT was set free. Since that time, HE consider d himself to be an "illegal" wanted by the Germans. At the urging of some friends of HIS. HE enrolled in an Agrarian school in Tschernycia, Ukraine, USSR. HE explained that this is something on the order of the American high school. HE finished with this school in July 1943, but HE still lacked a few courses to get HIS diploma. These courses HE completed at a school located in Sambor, Ukraine. The reason SUBJECT was not conscripted into the Army or into a labor battalion was because HE was able to furnish documentation showing that HE was a student. HE stated that anyone having such documentation was not conscripted. After HE completed work for HIS diploma, HE went home for approximately one week. HE stated that HE was very homesick and this prompted HIS return to Kut. After having been home for only one week, HE decided it would be safer if HE left, and consequently, took a train intending to return to the Agrarian school. To reach this school, HE had to change trains at Tarnopol. When HE arrived at the railyards, SUBJECT observed the police checking everybody's identification. Realizing HE was still wanted, HE decided to jump off of the train hoping to

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elude the police. HE was unsuccessful, however, and was apprehended shortly after HE jumped. HE was taken to the jail in Tarnopol where HE remained for four (4) weeks. HE was then shipped to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, Germany. HE remained in Auschwitz from about August 1943 to early 1945. During this period of time, HE worked on various road construction projects, clearing of woods, and also worked in a sausage factory. HE stated that by the time HE had arrived in Auschwitz in 1943, conditions had improved considerably. The number of executions had been drastically reduced with the exception of the Poles and the Jews who the Germans continued to execute up until the end. Executions were usually conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays on Jews. SUBJECT felt that the reason HE and the other Ukrainians, a group of approximately 180, were not killed was twofold; (a) The Ukrainians were basically anti-Communist, and (b) they had organized a division and were fighting with the Germans against the Russians. It was for these reasons that PROCYK felt that the Germans did not consider the Ukrainians too much of a threat to their own security. In early 1945, as the Russians were nearing Auschwitz, it was decided to march the prisoners to Czechoslovakia. When they reached Czechoslovakia, they were placed on trains and sent to Matthausen, Austria. When they arrived in Matthausen, they discovered that it was overcrowded and consequently, they were sent to a branch of this camp which was located in Ebensee, located nearby. While here, they mainly dug tunnels since the Germans were trying to place all of their industry underground. They did this until liberated by the Americans on 6 May 1945. Since Austria was too poor, SUBJECT decided to go to Munich, Germany, where HE had heard many of the leadership of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists had their Headquarters. The Americans permitted this move and they were placed on a train for Germany. SUBJECT arrived in Munich where HE remained for the next nine (9) years. From 1945 through 1951, HE attended the Ukrainian Graduate School of Economics in Munich. To supplant HTS income during this time, HE worked for the Ukrainian Nationalists organization on a part-time basis. This organization, HE stated, was in contact with those small bands of individuals who were still fighting the Russians in the Ukraine. It was not uncommon for someone to be sent back to the Ukraine, a distance of approximately 500 miles, with the approval of the British or the Americans. During this time, SUBJECT stated that HE did mostly propaganda work and interviewed Ukrainian displaced persons. HE also took care of the paper work connected with these activities. HE also served as a part-time Administrator in a dormitory which had been set up by the Ukrainians. In 1951, SUBJECT helped organize the Cicero Printing House, a cooperative Ukrainian organization. This organization applied for and received a loan from the Federal Republic of Germany for about 22,000 marks. This enabled them to buy the various printing machines, Linotypes, etc., and also to have their own people trained in how to operate the machines. They published a weekly newspaper in the Ukrainian language which had circulation throughout the world. This newspaper was entitled "Ukrainskyj Samostijnyk" (Ukrainian Independent Fighter). PROCYK pointed out that HE was Manager of the Printing House and was not the Editor of this paper, although HE did state that HE did write several

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articles that were published in the paper. HE worked in this capacity until 1954, at which time there was a split in the thinking of those who made up the cooperative. They broke into two factions; one which SUBJECT described as extremist and totalitarian in nature, and the other with which HE associated himself and which HE described as being more democratic in nature. Fed up with the internal bickerings and the personal ambitions of the other faction, SUBJECT decided to disassociate himself with the Printing House. HE stated that it was about this time that HE decided to go to America where HIS in-laws had already taken up residence. HE attained a position with the UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE in Munich, where HE remained until HE left for the United States. This committee took care of all of HIS processing, but HE pointed out that HE was, in fact, sponsored by one Miss (FNU) HOLOWATA from Philadelphia. Since HIS in-laws were not citizens of the United States, they could not serve as a sponsor and had prevailed on HOLOWATA to act as HIS sponsor. This she did and SUBJECT and HIS family left Munich for the United States in July 1955. HE was met at Idlewild Airport by HIS in-laws and they traveled by train to Philadelphia. On one occasion, SUBJECT went to see HOLOWATA who had since married one (FNU) KOZAK. She had sold her small furniture store in Philadelphia and had bought a bar, Maru's Lady of the Lake, in Atco, New Jersey. It was here that HE visited her and thanked her for being HIS sponsor. HE also told her that HE would find a job as soon as possible so that she would not have to concern herself about the economic responsibility of being his sponsor. PROCYK first obtained employment with a machine company, J. Eppler, Second and American Streets, Philadelphia. HE did minor assembly work and the cleaning of machines, but was released from employment because HE was not familiar with the work. HE then obtained a position with the firm S. Eskin, 1324 N. 30th Street, Philadelphia, a truck repairing firm. Here, HE had a job repairing trucks, but HE was not able to hold this position because HE was not familiar with the work. HE then obtained a position with the F. J. Stokes Machine Shop at 5500 Tabor Road, Philadelphia. Here, HE worked from January 1956 until December 1957, at which time HE was laid off due to the economic recession. HE was unemployed from December 1957 until September 1958. However, since HE had recently purchased HIS own home at 5219 N. Warnock Street, in November 1957, HE occupied himself during this period of unemployment by repairing HIS home. While working for the Stokes Company, PROCYK advanced to the position of Machinist Second Class. HE stated that this was possible because of the patience of HIS supervisors in teaching HIM the job. From September 1958 until April 1959, SUBJECT was employed as an Accountant with Snellenburgs, 12th and Market Streets, Philadelphia. This position HE left due to a reduction-in-force at that time. From April 1959 until 7 September 1963, PROCYK was employed with the E. J. Korvette Company, Philadelphia. HIS last position with this company was Assistant Office Manager. HE left this position because of the hours of work, the split shift, and because HE had to work Saturdays. PROCYK stated that HE was really looking for some other type of employment, preferably intelligence work. In this regard, HE had called the Central Intelligence Agency at 2 Center Plaza, and spoke with some individual whose name HE could not recall

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After telling this individual of HIS background, HE was informed that HE did not have the required five (5) years of experience and another disqualifying feature was that HIS parents were still alive in the Soviet Union. PROCYK also applied for employment as an Auditor with the Internal Revenue Service, but when HE found out that HE would have to travel 75% of the time, HIS wife did not favor such an arrangement. PROCYK first learned of a vacancy at this Installation when HE was called on the telephone and asked if HE would be interested in a position as an Accountant, GS-7, at this Installation. HE stated that HE had been on the register for Accountants and HE assumed that HIS name had been selected by the Civilian Personnel Office as a matter of course. HE and his family have resided at the Warnock Street address from November 1957 to date. HE stated HE met and married his wife, Luba, nee TESZCZUK, in Germany in 1948. SUBJECT's parents are still alive and residing in Kut, U.S.S.R. HE stated that up until two (2) years ago, they had spent ten (10) years in Siberia. HE presumed that they were sent there because of HIS anti-Communist activities. For the past two years, they have been at home in Kut. HE has corresponded directly by mail with them and has even sent them packages. About one (1) year ago, HE filed an application at the U.S. Customs House in Philadelphia to bring them to this country. PROCYK maintained that with the exception of HIS family, HE has received no other correspondence from either an individual or an organization behind the Iron Curtain. HE stated that HE has visited the Russian Book Store, formerly located at 5200 N. 5th Street in Philadelphia, and has corresponded with the Kamkin Russian Book Store in Washington, D.C. The reason that HE had done this was because HE was interested in what was going on in the U.S.S.R. and because HE wrote a thesis on the topic of Russian accounting. This was accomplished while attending Temple University's Evening Division from 1958 to 1962, and from where HE received HIS M.B.A. After being apprised of HIS responsibilities under AR 381-12, SUBJECT volunteered the following: In the Spring of 1963, SUBJECT was contacted by one Mykola LEBED, a long time friend and acquaintance of SUBJECT. LEBED works for the Prolog Research and Publication Company, 875 W. End Avenue, Apartment 14B, New York 25, New York. HE stated that as a boy, HE had heard of LEBED, who was considered as a hero in the Ukraine because he had been sentenced to death for his anti-Communist activities. HE subsequently met LEBED while in Munich after the war. LEBED requested SUBJECT to contact a Russian exchange student, one Michail GANDZIUK, who was attending the University of Pennsylvania. LEBED requested that SUBJECT attempt to draw cut of GANDZIUK what his interests were, what sort of an individual he was, what his real purpose was in attending the University of Pennsylvania, and as SUBJECT stated, anything else of an intelligence interest that HE could get. SUBJECT stated that HE knew that LEBED's firm interpreted Russian publications for the U.S. State Department and also sent them certain publications of their own dealing with the U.S.S.R. Although HE did not ask LEBED specifically, it was HIS opinion that he wanted this information on GANDZIUK for the State Department. PROCYK did, in fact, contact GANDZIUK and learned that he was from Kiev. He was attending the University of Pennsylvania as a postgraduate student. SUBJECT was successful in attempting to take

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him out to eat in a restaurant and to HIS home, and HIS impression of GANDZIUK was that he was, in fact, a real teacher in the U.S.S.R. HE did not feel that he was an intelligence agent and HE believed GANDZIUK when he told HIM that he would teach mathematics and mechanics when he returns to the Soviet Union. Through GANDZIUK, SUBJECT learned of two other Russian exchange students attending Princeton University. Through GANDZIUK, SUBJECT met Jura SHOSTAK and one Oleh (INU) at Princeton. HE learned that SHOSTAK was a teacher at Lwiw Polytechnical Institute in Lwiw, U.S.S.R. Oleh was an Electronic Technician and an expert in audio electronics and was from Moscow. HE described SHOSTAK as a very quiet type of an individual who did not profess any interest in politics. He told SUBJECT that he was married and that he had two children, and had come to the Ukraine in 1947. He taught Mathematics at the Lwiw Polytechnical Institute. PROCYK did not consider him to be an intelligence agent. His interests seemed only to be in going fishing with his fellow students when he had free time. Oleh, on the other hand, HE felt was much more interested in politics. He was very avid in his studies and it was PROCYK's opinion that he was an intelligence agent who was an expert in electronics. HE stated that Oleh would collect all sorts of electronic parts, i.e. transistors, etc., and every bit of literature on the subject that he could lay his hands on. HE learned that Oleh had been formerly in Brazil, Finland and Great Britain. For these reasons, SUBJECT suspected that he was an intelligence agent. SUBJECT stated that GANDZIUK left the United States in July 1962. but HE did not know where SHOSTAK or Oleh were currently living. With respect to HIS membership in the UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE, 5020 Old York Road, Philadelphia, SUBJECT stated that HE was formerly a member of the Executive Council of this organization, but at present holds no office. HE described this as a fraternal type of an organization. PROCYK gave up HIS office on the Executive Council in 1961 because of the time HE had to devote to writing HIS thesis. HE is also a member of the UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE, which HE also described as a fraternal type organization. After World War II, this organization assisted the U.S. State Department in Europe by furnishing them information on Ukrainian displaced persons. SUBJECT is very well acquainted with the Chairman of this organization, Dr. Walter GALLAN, whom HE has known since 1950. HE first met GALLAN when GALLAN came to Europe in 1950. HE has maintained HIS acquaintanceship with him since that time. At the end of the interview, SUzJECT requested permission of the interviewer to continue in HIS activities for Prolog and LEBED. HE stated that HE could be of valuable assistance to the intelligence community because of HTS background and HTS ability to speak Russian and Ukrainian. The fact that HE had already contacted the three Russian exchange students and had submitted a written report on them to LEBED seemed quite intriguing to HIM. HE wished to continue doing this type of work. SUBJECT was told that for the present, HE would have to suspend such activities and should report any contact for any such requests immediately to the FAIB. HE agreed to do so. PRCCYK was specifically asked if HE had ever received any literature from an organization in East Berlin concerning repatriation to the home land. HE stated that HE had heard of such an organization.

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although HE could not recall its exact name. HE had read literature disseminated by this organization when HE had visited LEBED at the Prolog Research and Publication Company at the time HE delivered HIS report. HE noticed that one of the articles in this publication had been written by one Myron MATWIJEJKO. SUBJECT recalled that MATWIJEJKO had been HIS supervisor for approximately four (4) years when HE was working in Munich, Germany. He returned to the U.S.S.R. in 1951, estensibly for the British, and has never returned. LEBED was of the opinion that MATWIJEJKO was a Communist by conviction, but SUBJECT could not goalong with this opinion wholeheartedly. Having worked with the man for four years, HE was more inclined to think that he was caught when he returned to the U.S.S.R. and was made to work for the Russians through coercion. The interview was terminated with SUBJECT being reminded of HIS responsibilities under AR 381-12.

- 2. (C) On 9 September 1963, the name files of the Frankford Arsenal Intelligence Branch were examined concerning the following, with results as indicated:
- a. Dr. Walter GALLAN (Listed Character Reference) President of UNITED UKRAIN IAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE.
 - b. Michail GANDZIUK No record.
- c. Miss HOLOWATA, aka Mrs. KOZAK Not identifiable with information in files.
 - d. Kamkin Book Store, Washington, D. C. No record.
 - e. Mykola LEBED No record.
 - f. Myron MATWIJEJKO No record.
- g. ORGANIZATION OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS No record. (COMMENT: Possibly identical with the ORDER OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS (OUN) formed in 1928 and the forerunner of the ORGANIZATION FOR THE REBIRTH OF THE UKRAINE (ODWU); described in files as a Ukrainian nationalistic political organization which sought to set up an independent Ukrainian state.)
 - h. Oleh (INU), Princeton University No record.
- i. Prolog Research and Publication Company, 875 W. End Avenue, Apartment 14B, New York No record.
 - j. Jura SHOSTAK No record.

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- k. UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE No record.
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m. UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN RELIEF COMMITTEE - This Committee was founded by Dr. Walter GALLAN (listed character reference) in 1944. The purpose of the committee was a humanitarian endeavor to collect as much money as possible for the use of all Ukrainians. No derogatory information in files.

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